

Introduced by Senator Allen

February 27, 2015

An act to add and repeal Section 4034 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to dementia.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 613, as introduced, Allen. Department of Health Care Services: dementia guidelines: workgroup.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Health Care Services, which administers the state Medi-Cal program and the community mental health programs in the state.

This bill would require the department to convene a workgroup to create guidelines for dementia care in the Medi-Cal program. The bill would require the department to report the recommendations of the workgroup to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2017. The bill would repeal these provisions as of January 1, 2018.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4034 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 4034. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (1) There are an estimated 57,000 people with dementia in
- 6 California's Coordinate Care Initiative.

1 (2) Average per person Medicaid spending for seniors with
2 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is 19 times higher than
3 average per person Medicaid spending for all other seniors.

4 (3) The triple aim of the federal Affordable Care Act and
5 Medicaid expansion is improved population health, better
6 experience of care, and lower per capita health care costs.

7 (4) Dementia care management has proven, through
8 peer-reviewed, evidence-based research, to achieve all three aims.

9 (b) The State Department of Health Care Services shall convene
10 a workgroup to create guidelines for dementia care in the Medi-Cal
11 program. The guidelines shall draw on the experience of the
12 Dementia MediConnect three-year grant awarded to the California
13 Department of Aging and any other relevant literature.

14 (c) The workgroup shall consist of stakeholders, including
15 nurses, social workers, primary care physicians, advocates for
16 people with dementia, health plans and insurers, and others as the
17 department deems necessary.

18 (d) The department shall report the recommendations of the
19 workgroup to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2017. This
20 report shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
21 Government Code.

22 (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018,
23 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
24 is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.